

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Monday, May 2nd, Golf Advisory Board, 7:00 p.m., Spicer House
- Tuesday, May 3rd, Town Council Personnel Appointments Committee, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Tuesday, May 3rd, Town Council, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Wednesday, May 4th, Town Council and City Councils/RTM/Board of Education Liaison Committee, 5:30 p.m., Administration Office, Room 16
- Wednesday, May 4th, RTM Public Safety Committee Special Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Groton Senior Center, Classroom A
- Wednesday, May 4th, RTM Education Committee Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Groton Senior Center, Classroom B
- Thursday, May 5th, Economic Development Commission, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Thursday, May 5th, Permanent School Building Committee, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR2

CONNECTICUT SUBMARINE CENTURY LECTURE

The libraries of eastern Connecticut present “Surviving BRAC” on May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Academic Building on the campus of the University of Connecticut, Avery Point. The lecture is second in a four-part series honoring Connecticut’s Submarine Century.

BRAC, which stands for Base Realignment and Closure, is the congressionally authorized process the Department of Defense has used to reorganize its base structure to more efficiently and effectively support our forces, increase operational readiness and facilitate new ways of doing business. The panelists will take a look back to 2005 when Naval Submarine Base New London was threatened with closure

and examine how the lessons learned have improved the base's position for future BRAC rounds.

Panelists include Congressman Joe Courtney, U.S. Representative for Connecticut's 2nd Congressional District since 2007; Robert "Rob" Simmons, current First Selectman of Stonington and Connecticut's 2nd District Congressman from 2001-2007; Robert T. Ross, Executive Director of the Connecticut Office of Military Affairs; Tony Sheridan, President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut; and Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager.

The panel will be moderated by Ray Hackett. Ray Hackett is a 40-year veteran journalist and the former editorial page editor and political columnist for the Norwich Bulletin. He retired from the Bulletin in April of 2015 after 27 years with the newspaper. During that time he covered and reported on three BRAC rounds that targeted the Groton Submarine Base, including the 2005 BRAC that recommended the complete closure of the naval facility.

For more information regarding this lecture, please contact the Groton Public Library at 860-441-6750.

GROTON SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS

The Groton Senior Center, through grants from Senior Resources and Charter Oak Community Giving, is in its third month of offering Skype education classes. These classes are offered through museums, national parks and other venues around the world. For May the programs include "Getting Started in Genealogy" on May 2nd at 1:30 p.m. with the New England Historic Genealogical Society; "History of Hallmark Cards" on May 12th at 1:30 p.m. with the Hallmark Visitors Center; and "Time Travel with Fossils" on May 26th at 2:00 p.m. with Badlands National Park. These programs are open to the public for a \$2.00 donation.

In addition, the Senior Center is introducing new programs this spring. Through a grant with the Groton Parks Foundation, the center is offering the Arthritis Foundation's Walk with Ease program at Poquonnock Plains Park on May 18th at either 9:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Also new to the programming is a "Wake up Work Out" class being held on May 2nd at 7:00 a.m., and an "Introduction to Acrylic Painting" class on May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Both programs are open to ages 18 and over.

For more information on these programs and other available programs, please contact the Groton Senior Center at 860-441-6785.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

Emergency Management Director Joe Sastre will be attending FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmitsburg, Maryland from May 2nd through May 6th. This will be Joe's second, of four, week-long sessions as part of EMI's 2015 Session of the National Emergency Management Executive Academy. While the first session held back in February focused on leadership development, this session will focus on integrating science into emergency management policies and decisions.

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute has partnered with the University of Hawaii's National Disaster Preparedness Training Center to deliver a course of study that will focus on the tools for understanding and managing catastrophic disasters by examining the science and research that underlies current and emerging threats, hazards, and resulting consequences. The course will also focus on risk assessment and management across different types of hazards, and on resilience through an appreciation of whole community, risk management, and adaptation.

Future sessions will cover Emergency Management in the 21st Century (June 27th - July 1st) and Exercising Emergency Management Executive Policy and Decision-making (September 12th – September 16th).

Joe is one of 40 individuals from across the nation, selected from hundreds of applicants, to participate in the 2015 National Emergency Management Executive Academy. The selection of attendees was of a competitive nature, based on each applicant's professional activities and involvement in local, regional, state and federal emergency management projects as well as positive recommendations from the Town Manager and State Emergency Management Officials. FEMA funds travel, lodging and tuition for EMI courses.

GROTON'S JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD

Groton's Juvenile Review Board (JRB) handled its first cases in 2006 and now averages 40 cases per year involving Groton youth who are charged with misdemeanor infractions. Referrals come primarily from the Groton Town and City

Police, utilizing the JRB in cases of first-time offenders who have accepted full responsibility for their actions. Groton's JRB, similar to those created by Stonington, Ledyard and New London, provides a community-based alternative to Juvenile Court.

The Board consists of eight members including local police and school officials, Human Services personnel, a Juvenile Probation representative and community-at-large members. Youth who have been charged with misdemeanor acts such as breach of peace, criminal mischief, criminal trespass, burglary 3rd, larceny 6th, threatening, possession of child pornography by minor, transmission of child pornography by minor, assault 3rd, operating a motor vehicle without a license and without permission, and possession of alcohol or drugs by minor, are first interviewed by a Youth Counselor at Groton Human Services. Background history is gathered by the Counselor who then submits the documentation to the JRB in advance of its hearing with a respective JRB-referred youth. Following a discussion of the youth's actions with the youth and his/her family members, the JRB requires diversions which have time frames assigned and may include some of the following: community service hours, essays, letters of apology, attendance at community-based meetings such as Al-Anon, watching instructional videos on dangers of sexting/texting and recommendations for counseling/mental health services. The Youth Counselors then monitor each youth's assigned diversions and report to the JRB Chairperson when the diversions have been satisfactorily completed and the case may be considered for adjudication.

In the event a youth fails to comply with his/her diversions, the case is returned to the referral source for probable re-direction to the Juvenile Court.

COPP PARK HIKE

For Connecticut Trails Day 2016 the Town of Groton Conservation Commission will be hosting a hike at Copp Park at 821 Gold Star Highway on Saturday, June 4th at 9:30 a.m. The hike will be guided, open to the public, free of charge, and will take place weather permitting. Well behaved, leashed dogs will be allowed to join on the hike. Please register with Parks and Recreation at 860-536-5680 or at parksrec@groton-ct.gov.

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is a brief from Eversource Energy showing the energy savings for Groton in 2015.
2. Attachment 2 is a notification from TVCCA Nutrition Services for changes to their Meals on Wheels program effective May 2nd. Residents in the Southeast Region will be provided lunch and dinner from Monday through Friday only. These changes are due to a reduction in funding.
3. Attachment 3 is an invitation from Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound for a volunteer opportunity on May 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to assist in restoring and planting the stream bank habitat along Whitford Brook, 46 New London Turnpike. For more information or to RSVP, please contact restoration@savethesound.org.

MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation (March):

- Director met with the Mayor to discuss plans for Submarine Century week events in Groton.
- Director attended bikeway/transportation workshops for the region.
- Staff worked on Administrative Site Plans to obtain approval from the Planning Department to move ahead with the mobile vending applications.
- Staff worked with a graphic designer to develop a display and map at the entrance to the Copp property.
- Marketing staff recorded a 30 second radio spot to promote the 2016 Mystic Irish 5K Road Race. The event had a huge turnout with 511 runners.
- Staff implemented an upgraded program management system in the Recreation Division for better customer service.
- The Senior Center provided 429 rides for 74 individuals.
- The Coastal Café provided 2,114 meals and generated revenue of \$8,515.

2. Public Works Department (March):

- Licensed Environmental Professional consultant prepared final close out report for the remediation of 5 Crystal Lake Road.
- Staff discussed with the Town Manager and the School Consultant the upcoming Schools Initiative in order to determine staffing requirements.

- Staff responded to eight winter storm events and continued winter construction at the Lily Lane Bike Path; replaced curbing that deteriorated over the winter months and completed miscellaneous drainage projects in the Fort Hill area.
- Equipment/Fleet Management staff completed servicing of construction equipment for the start of the construction season.
- Staff from Water Pollution Control completed 48 Call Before You Dig requests including three emergencies.
- Staff from Water Pollution Control received several requests for tours later in the spring from various school groups.

Attachments

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY DELIVERS VALUE

Energy efficiency is an economic development engine for the state and it makes Connecticut a better place to live and work. In fact, Energy Efficiency Fund programs generated more than **9,200 Connecticut "green" jobs** in 2015 and nearly **\$1 billion in lifetime energy cost savings**. Those savings are being reinvested into Connecticut's economy, making our families stronger and our businesses more competitive.

In 2015, Groton saved energy, money and reduced carbon emissions.

FINANCIAL SAVINGS

 Annual Savings	Lifetime Savings
\$491,907	\$5,656,836

ELECTRICITY SAVED (kWH)

 Annual Savings	Lifetime Savings
2,693,512	30,862,879

NATURAL GAS SAVED (CCF)

 Annual Savings	Lifetime Savings
866	13,342

FUEL OIL & PROPANE SAVED (GALLONS)

 Annual Savings	Lifetime Savings
5,443	108,785

CO₂ SAVED (TONS)

 Annual Savings
1,414

Throughout Connecticut

Every \$1 of investment in energy efficiency programs in CT offsets \$2.80 of new generation and other energy costs that consumers would otherwise have to pay for.

In 2015

Residential energy efficiency resulted in approximately \$481 million saved over the lifetime of the installed measures.

Nearly 39,000 homes weatherized including critical services provided to more than 20,000 low-income households.

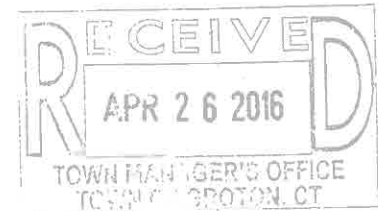




THAMES VALLEY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.
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Deborah Monahan, Executive Director

Memo



To: Senior Center Directors
From: Maraiah Popeleski, RDN, Director of Nutrition Services for TVCCA
cc: TVCCA staff & community program partners
Date: March 31, 2016
Re: Program changes effective 5/2/16

For more than 40 years, TVCCA has been the provider of Meals on Wheels to New London and Windham Counties, which includes three service regions. During this time, our program has varied according to the funding available from State and Federal programs, such as the Older Americans Act.

At this time we are in the unfortunate position of having to adjust our services by region, due to reduced funding.

Effective May 2, 2016, TVCCA will change its services in the following regions:

- In Windham Region: We will be providing lunch only Monday through Sunday.
- In Southeast Region: We will be providing lunch and supper Monday through Friday only.
- In the Northeast Region: We will be providing lunch and supper Monday through Friday only.
- In all three regions: The program will not be able to serve any meals on Memorial Day (May 30), Independence Day (July 4) and Labor Day (September 5) in 2016.

Clients may choose to continue receiving supper and/or weekend meals by paying, in advance, the full cost of each meal. TVCCA is currently working on setting up payment options for those who wish to pay for meals; this option will be available after May 1, 2016. More details will be coming as this program is put into place.

We regret having to reduce our services in this manner and place a greater burden on our clients, but there are no other options at this time. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at (860)934-1006.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



**Join us in restoring and planting the
stream bank habitat along Whitford Brook!**

All volunteers are welcome!

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

10am - 2pm

Mystic, CT

We will be set-up and ready for a 10am start.

Please bring work gloves if you have them and wear boots that can get wet and muddy.

ADDRESS: 46 New London Turnpike, Route 184, Mystic, CT

PARKING: available at Barnes Moving & Storage

Questions and to RSVP: restoration@savethesound.org



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PARKS AND RECREATION



Directors Report *March*

Planning/Coordination

Continued meeting with Mayor about plans for sub-century week events in Groton. Met with representative from Groton LL to discuss proposed work at Calvin Burrows. Planning Arbor Day celebration.

Attended bikeways/transportation workshop for the region.

Marketing/Promotion

Working with golf course and Par 4 to plan a Cinco de Mayo special event.

Communications

Met with Noank Zoning Administrator to get approval for locating memorial bench at Spicer Park. Worked with Golf Course Supervisor to help address concern by an abutter. Received a request from resident to fix osprey platform on Mystic River.

Personnel

Weekly meetings with division supervisors • Biweekly and monthly meetings with department staff. Attending Steelworker contract negotiations. Working with HR on disciplinary issue. Presented part-time pay plan to Town Council. Plan will go into effect July 1, 2016.

Projects

Worked on Administrative Site Plans to get approval from Planning Dept. to move ahead with Mobile Vending application.

Working with graphic designer to develop display and map at the entrance to the Copp property.

Marketing *March*

Special Event Promotions

Recorded a 30 second radio spot to promote the 2016 Mystic Irish 5K Road Race. The spot aired on media sponsor's 4 stations: WCTY, WNLC, WICH, and WKNL the week leading up to the race, 20 times per day on each station. Hall Communications generously donates the air time to promote special events like the Mystic Irish 5K. The event had a huge turnout with 511 runners, an increase from 272 at the inaugural event in 2015.

Represented the Recreation Division at the Groton Senior Center's Active Living Expo on Wednesday, March 23rd. I had the chance to talk with members of the community who are interested in active lifestyles and provide information about upcoming programs and events.

Business Partnerships

Abbott's Lobster in the Rough and Costello's Clam Shack have returned as sponsors for the 2016 Tour de Noank 5K Road Race and Kids Fun Run. In addition to sponsoring the event, they are donating live lobsters as prizes for Race with Laces participants who make a donation to Groton's special needs programming.

Campaign for Honors

Shennecossett Golf Course was honored for the second year in a row as the winner of Best Golf Course and Best Golf Hole in The Day's Best of Readers' Choice Awards poll. The golf course was recognized in a special section of The Day and will receive a plaque for each award and logos to use in future promotions and advertising.

Recreation *March*

Community Support



The Department is developing ideas to incorporate Connecticut's Submarine Century into programs. Staff members have been working with Town Councilors and Library staff to develop a week of activities starting with the 4th of July Parade and ending with the Fireworks on the Thames celebration at Fort Griswold. Possible ideas include a Schooners baseball game, a concert at Esker Point Beach, a softball game, a pinewood derby, a flash mob and a movie in a park.

Economic Impact

The 2nd Annual Mystic Irish 5K race was held with over 500 runners participating, an increase of about 85% in just one year! We had runners from 7 states with the farthest joining us from as Great Falls, MT! The race generated \$1,500 for the Mystic Irish Parade and another \$1,000 for our scholarship fund to help those with difficulty affording parks and recreation programs to participate.

Customer Service

The Recreation Division upgraded its program management software to take advantage of improvements that will lead to better customer service. Customers will primarily notice a new web site that makes it easier than ever to register for programs on-line when it is most convenient for themselves. Prior to the upgrade, a focus group was held with customers to determine what they most wanted to see in terms of improvements to online registration and those changes were made. In addition, the software will eventually allow for instructors and staff members to access program information from anywhere which will also lead to greater customer service.

Senior Center *March*

Foster Health and Wellness

- The following clinics were held in February: Foot Care Clinic – 14 people; Blood Pressure clinic – 97 • Massage therapy – 35 appointments • Accupuncture - 4

Coordinate Benefits Assistance/Services

- Speaker on dual sensory loss (hearing and sight) with 21 in attendance.
- Boomers program was on OAT program and Trips – 19 persons attended.
- Benefits Check Up – 4, CHOICES health insurance counseling had 7 clients. AARP Tax Assistance.

Encourage Senior Independence

- Provided 429 rides for 74 individuals • The Coastal Café provided 2114 meals and generated revenue of \$8515 • Art & Science Fitness offered a free talk on Core Muscle Training • AARP Safe Driving Course had 18 participants

Create Community Connections

- The first session of the Senior Learning Network was held on Eleanor Roosevelt connecting seniors to the Franklin D. Roosevelt President Library and Museum. 31 attended. The next session was on the 100th Anniversary of the National Parks from George Washington Carver Monument. 20 persons were in attendance and had a great time asking questions of the park ranger who did the presentation.
- The Center held a demonstration of the new regional senior center website, seniorcenterct.org.
- Volunteer 373.57 hours by 29 individuals
- The Center's offsite program of Mind Aerobics at Fairview had 18 people attend this month.
- The Annual Active Living Expo was held in the evening from 5 – 7PM. 64 vendors attended with over 100 participants
- Intergenerational programs – Creating Kindess through Creatures by Animal Embassy paid for by Club 55 for 3rd – 5th grade at Claude Chester • Read Across America at SB Butler school – 8 seniors read to various grades • Monthly program at Claude Chester had 9 seniors and 18 students planting flowers.



Trips

- Bushnell theater – Motown the Musical – 17 • AAC Basketball Tournament with UConn – 5 attended • Portugal – 5 people • Holland and Rhine River trip presentation – 8 people

Projects

- The Staff are attending training from the Fundraising Authority with Joe Garecht. This training provided written material first, then an hour skype training sessions with Mr. Garecht and then follow up time with him over the next month. The program also provided two days free on the
- An MOU has been prepared on having the Community Meals program at the center.
- The Supervisor met with the fitness instructor on the Arthritis Walk with Ease program
- The center received a new replacement van.



Parks *March*

Resource Protection

Tree trimming at Jabez Smith House. Two trees removed from Mystic Highlands Park. • Osprey platform by the Mystic River was straightened.

Preventative Maintenance

Playgrounds were inspected and more repairs done to Whittaker, Woodcrest, Sutton, Seely, Noank School, Mystic Highlands, and PPP Spring cleaning and mulching has started in the parks and on town, grounds. • Horse shoe pits have been removed from Fieldcrest for the safety of playground users • Woodchips have been added to several playgrounds around Town.



Ongoing Maintenance

Tasks that are completed on a daily, weekly or seasonal basis including: mowing and trimming, parks, athletic fields, cemeteries and public buildings. Landscaping, lining and grooming ball fields, trash collection, leaf removal and sidewalk snow removal. Additional tasks include providing support services for recreation program and events.

Projects

New trail marking signs have been installed on Copp trails and trails have been reblazed. The backboards from Farquhar basketball court have been installed. The new sign at Dog Park has been installed. Repairs at Roller Hockey rink have been completed. Sutton park gazebo has been repaired and painted.

Shennecossett Golf *March*

Contribute to Economic Development

Marketing/Promotion

Facebook has been utilized to market the course.

Course is advertising with CT Golfer this season.

Shennecossett won first place in The Day's 2016 Best of Readers Choice Awards for best golf course and best golf hole (16).

Course Operations

Sanding and painting of course supplies has been completed; most golf course supplies have been put out on the course. Staff has assisted with snow removal operations.

Tree trimming and some brush cutting was completed this month.

Debris cleanup around the course has continued.

Greens, Tees, and Fairways were cut for the first time this month.

Greens were verticut at the end of the month.

Greens were treated with growth regulators for annual bluegrass seed head suppression on 3/10.

Par three tees and practice areas were opened before the end of the month.

This March the course played 946 greens fees, 502 cart fees, and 739 season pass rounds. 65 season passes were sold. The course was closed 7 days, with 11 weather days. Last March had 23 greens fees, 10 cart fees, and 0 season pass rounds. 41 season passes were sold. The course was closed 30 days.

Revenue this March was \$28,160 greens fees, \$7,008 cart fees, and \$3,000 Par 4 rent, for a total of \$124,701.

Revenue last March was \$976 greens fees, \$128 cart fees, \$50,585 season pass fees, and \$2,900 Par4 rent, for a total of \$54,582.

Projects

The Town is waiting for funding to be released from the State so we can schedule the CIP project to restore bunkers on the thirteenth hole.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Public Works Administration

Service Area: Business/Management Support

❖ Significant Actions and Results

- Licensed Environmental Professional (LEP) consultant prepared final close out report for the remediation of 5 Crystal Lake Road (Dry Cleaners). This report will be forwarded to the DEEP for acceptance.
- Discussed with Town Manager and the School Consultant the upcoming Phase II School Project (Groton 2020) in order for the Department to determine staffing requirements. If the Bond is approved in November, staff assignments and additional support must be in place in order to adhere to the schedule as presented.
- Reviewed draft of the DEEP Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy and discussed with SCRRRA who will be sponsoring a local meeting with DEEP.

❖ Pending Items

- Completed and forwarded for signature the agreement for Streetlight Conversion, Tanko Lighting will begin the street light inventory in the Eversouce service area.

Public Works Operations

Service Area: Roads and Streets

❖ Significant Actions and Results

- Responded to date, 8 winter storm events.
- Continued with winter construction work in the following areas:

PENDING ITEMS

- Continued support to Town initiative on computerization upgrades
- Continued input to Town Manager on budget submittal

- Continuing Lilly Lane Bike Path into Mumford Cove; prepared area for resurfacing in spring
- Completed the replacement of curbing that deteriorated over the winter
- Completed miscellaneous drainage projects in Fort Hill area
- Scheduled the contractor support for paving work in April of 2016

Service Area: Traffic Operations

Pending Items

- Purchased signage and planned for the installation of signs turning Bank Street into a one way street. Change to one way traffic is scheduled for the beginning of May

Service Area: Forestry

- ❖ Significant Actions and Results
 - Two trees were posted for removal
- ❖ Pending Items
 - None

Service Area: Equipment/Fleet Management

- ❖ Significant Actions and Results
 - Completed the servicing of construction equipment for the start of the construction season

Service Area: Facilities

- ❖ Pending Items
 - Awaiting the bids for the replacement of old CCTV equipment at the Police Station
 - Preparing scope of work for the replacement of the Uninterruptable Power System (UPS) that services Emergency Dispatch
 - DECD grant to perform the Phase 1 and 2 on Groton Heights Elementary School is continuing. Initial response from DECD is that the Town can add to the grant the removal of the existing heating oil tank, thus saving the local funds that were appropriated for the removal.

Public Works Engineering

Service Area: Project Management

- ❖ Significant Actions and Results
 - Bids were received for Fuel Storage Tank Replacement at WPCF/Pump Station (4 Bidders)
 - Bids were received Gungywamp Road and Briar Hill Road Intersection Signal Replacement project (2 Bidders)
 - Water Pollution Control Facility Operations Building Boiler Replacement received (4 bidders)
 - Partial Re-Roof Fitch Middle School was placed out to bid

❖ Pending Items

- Projects currently in review for bidding:
 - Police Station Security Surveillance System Upgrade
 - Renovations to Groton Public Library – Local History Room, received approval from the State to place this out to bid.

Public Works Environmental

Service Area: Sanitary Sewer

- ❖ See attached report to the Water Pollution Control Authority

Service Area: Stormwater

❖ Significant Actions and Results

- Reviewed the proposed MS4 General Permit for the DOT as it pertains to issues with the interconnection with the Town's drainage system.

❖ Pending Items

- Reviewing the proposed changes to the General Permit for Stormwater Discharge and the impact to the Town (man-hours and funding)

Service Area: Solid Waste

❖ Pending Items

- Continue with the investigation of the impact of the closed landfill at Welles Road on the groundwater. This is a requirement of the DEEP permit that closed the landfill.

Water Pollution Control Division

March 2016 Monthly Report

Division Performance

During March, the treatment plant compiled the following statistics:

- A. Gallons Treated: 105.5 Million Gallons
- B. Sludge transported for final disposal: 286,000 gallons (Average 5.47% solids)
- C. Average Daily Flow Rate: 3.402 Million Gallons Per Day (MGD)
- D. Highest Observed Flow Rate: 10.0 MGD (March 18)

Operations

Process Status –

We continue to perform much better than our permit requires for TSS, BOD, and other key performance indicators.

Completed 48 Call Before You Dig Requests including 3 emergency requests.

Personnel/Training

We continue to advertise for candidates for our vacant Chief Operator position. We will be interviewing a candidate on April 6.

Mr. Ernie Grant retired on April 4 after 31 years of service to the town. We intend to fill the position with an equipment operator, so we can focus efforts on cleaning sewer lines.

Outreach/Education

The WPCF received several requests for tours later this spring from various school groups.

Projects

Several construction and service contracts will be starting shortly and continuing through completion of the Effluent Pump Station construction in 2018. Highlights follow below:

Secondary Clarifier Repairs –Design is under review to repair the circular tank. Awaiting parts to finish repairs on the rectangular tanks..

Underground Storage Tank Replacement – Bids were opened and reviewed. We anticipate awarding to the low bidder, ETT, Inc. for \$285,000.

Easement Clearing and Sewer Line Cleaning and Inspection –The easement clearing near Cow Hill Road and the Allyn Street was completed. Contractor is scheduled to begin the cleaning and camera inspection April 11th.

Pump Station Roofing Replacement and Safety Rail Installation – As previously reported, we have retained the services of one of the town's on call architect firms to design new roofs for the Gravel Street and Poquonnock River Pump Stations. The design effort is underway.

WPCF Boiler Replacement – Bids were opened on March 17, 2016 and are currently under review. Expect award in near future.

Generator Improvements – Design and engineering services are currently underway for replacement of the Gravel Street emergency generator and installation of an external cooling system for WPCF Generator "A". We have provided preliminary feedback on the Generator "A" cooling system solution.

Fishtown Road Pump Station Refurbishment – Staff met with the consultant engineer, Arcadis Engineering, to discuss the 90% design submittal. Arcadis will modify the project documents and submit for final review in the coming weeks. This project will be funded using bonding approved in the 2015 referendum.

Effluent Pump Station Improvements – Town Engineer and DPW are negotiating with Fuss & O'Neill regarding the proposal they submitted to provide design and engineering services.

Sodium Hypochlorite Tank Replacement –All work has been completed and the new tanks are in operation. Photo of the final installation follows below.

Pump Station Bypass Training – WPCD personnel purchased new, rigid bypass piping for use in case of emergency at a pump station. We are updating all our emergency bypass plans and will be conducting training at each pump station. See pictures below from Fishtown Road.





Results from January Operator Certification Examinations – Below are the statistics for the recent CT DEEP wastewater operator examination. We had one employee take & pass the Class II and another take & pass the Class III exams.



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Deep Update

ABC EXAM RESULTS – JANUARY 13, 2016

Total Examinees - 105, Total Applicants - 108; Total Eligible - 106

	CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV
PASS RATE	44%	67%	30%	18%
	(15/34)	(16/24)	(9/30)	(3/17)
HIGH GRADE	90%	87%	87%	78%
AVERAGE GRADE	70%	73%	63%	57%
LOW GRADE	50%	60%	47%	38%
CERTIFICATES ISSUED	2 OF 15	6 OF 16	5 OF 9	3 OF 3
REPEAT EXAMINEES (PASSED/TOTAL)	0 OF 15	3 OF 9	3 OF 16	1 OF 3